

TEN INJURED AS TRAIN LEAVES RAILS

SAY FORMER FEDERAL PROHIBITION HEAD GOT \$200,000 BRIBE

Six Officers Named In Indictments For Taking Bribes

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The government will seek to prove that Major Percy Owen, former federal prohibition director of this district, received a total of \$200,000 as his share in a sacramental wine deal, federal officials made known today.

Major Owen, Ralph W. Stone, also a former prohibition director of this area, former State Senator George Bruce and six others were named in new indictments returned late yesterday in connection with wine deals.

Specifically the government charges Owen with receiving \$60,000 from dealers to permit them to operate. Federal agents charge that Owen pocketed fully \$200,000 during his regime.

Stone received at least \$26,800 the agents charge, while Bruce collected \$7,800 it is alleged.

Others named in the indictments are Bernard Rumps, Albert Bennett, former dry agents; Harry R. Schau, alleged to have been "front man" for Owen; Louis Abelson and Louis Cribari, collectors and Morris Zimbroff, a wine dealer.

The men are charged with selling wine illegally, with transporting wine and with accepting bribes.

The federal grand jury also indicted the Erie Railroad, the Police Chief of Summit, Ill., and nine others on charges of violating the dry law in connection with a beer shipment from Sayre, Pa., to Argo, Ill.

A summons was issued for F. G. Robbins, president of the Erie to testify in the case.

An agent of the Erie at Waverly, N. Y., and an agent of the Penn. Railroad at Sayre, Pa., also are named in the indictments.

It is charged that the Erie, the two agents, the police chief and the others, former policemen of Chicago, bootleggers and truck driver conspired to transport beer to Chicago in violation of the dry act.

PROFESSOR STRUCK BY HIT-SKIP DRIVER

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—Struck down by a hit-skip motorist, who disregarded a red traffic signal, Prof. Charles Sumner Plumb, chairman of the department of animal husbandry at Ohio State University was in a critical condition today.

Physicians this morning described Prof. Plumb's condition as "very grave." He suffered a broken leg, internal injuries and head bruises, they said.

The first three numbers of the motorist's license plate were obtained and police were searching records in an attempt to establish ownership of the car.

Mrs. Plumb, who was with the Professor, escaped unhurt. Mrs. M. Sheridan and her daughter Mary, who were crossing the street at the time, received minor bruises.

Elmer Marek, Ohio State football star, witnessed the accident and aided by a friend took the Professor to a hospital. Prof. Plumb is 66 years of age and this, combined with his internal injuries, makes his recovery doubtful to attending physicians.

RELEASED FROM JAIL TO DIE AS FREE MAN

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 19.—Rector Johns, 60, released from federal penitentiary at Atlanta, three weeks ago, died here yesterday. Johns, a wealthy real estate dealer was indicted in Indianapolis in the summer of 1923, for an alleged violation of the federal interstate motor act. He had served ten months of an 18 months sentence, having been released on account of ill health.

His death ended perhaps as turbulent a career as any Kentuckian ever had, as he had slain at least five men according to official records and was thrice tried for bank robbery before being sent to federal prison for conspiracy.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Gen. Lincoln C. Andrews, prohibition czar, intends to carry out Roy Haynes' plan to plaster the nation with posters, urging observance of prohibition, it was disclosed in testimony on the treasury appropriation bill made public today.

A \$50,000 appropriation for this has been available for four months.

"My administrator in one city reports that of the last chemical tests of 1,000 different captures of liquor, there were only two samples that were pure whiskey," Andrews told the house appropriations committee.

"I want these facts for the first poster."

WHISKEY IN MEDICINE BARRED

Business And Employment Improvement In 1926 Promise Abnormally Good Year

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—Industrial conditions in Ohio point to general improvement in employment and business in 1926 and are now strong enough to warrant an abnormally good year, according to Herman R. Witter, state director of industrial relations.

Automobile manufacturing should improve during the first six months and the steel industry will operate near normal with the greatest increases coming in common labor, Witter said.

The tire business should furnish continuous employment, although a shortage of raw materials may slow up production. Expansion may call for a material increase in semi-skilled labor, Witter predicted.

The employment of building crafts and common labor on public construction are assured by recent state bond issues, he said. Highway maintenance should also aid in absorbing common labor, Witter declared.

Not much difference can be expected in farm conditions, Witter said. The demand for farm help will continue in excess of the supply.

The mining industry will remain at about fifty per cent of normal production unless a critical shortage of coal comes from labor troubles in other states, according to Witter.

These slight betterments of industrial and labor conditions will be reflected in an increase in railroad transportation, Witter believes.

REGULATIONS MADE KNOWN PERMITTING WINE AS SUBSTITUTE

Ruling Applies to Toilet Waters and Flavoring Extracts

Washington, Dec. 19.—New prohibition regulations prohibiting the use of whiskey, brandy or gin in medical preparations were issued by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrews today.

The rules are effective February 1, 1926 and apply to all medicines, toilet waters and flavoring extracts unfit for beverage purposes, except in specific cases.

In place of the prescribed liquors, Andrews will authorize the use of alcohol and wine in the non-beverage preparations.

Use of whiskey, brandy and other distilled spirits in treatment of sickness, on physician's prescriptions will be permitted.

Manufacturers using whiskey, gin, and brandy in non-beverage concoctions and wishing to continue must state to the prohibition department the length of time their business has been operated, the length of time their particular formula has been in use and its relations to other formulas which would substitute alcohol and wines.

Stopping withdrawals of whiskey, brandy or gin, from bonded warehouse for use by manufacturers will further deplete the bootleggers' source of supply, Andrews said.

SHOPPERS CARRY OWN PACKAGES IS WORD

Columbus, Dec. 19.—More Christmas shoppers are carrying home their bundles this year than in any previous Christmas shopping season, according to George V. Sheridan, director of the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants.

Stores, keeping accurate records of deliveries, report a decrease of from 25 to 40 per cent in deliveries this year over last year, Sheridan said. Carrying of bundles makes shopping easier for all concerned, in that time and money are saved by the retailers who pass on the saving to the customers, Sheridan declared.

FIREMEN INJURED IN BROOKLYN FIRE

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Two firemen were injured, 100 occupants of a men's lodging house, were driven to the street and 150 guests in a nearby hotel aroused today when fire broke out in a two-story building in lower Brooklyn. The building was filled with furniture and the fire spread quickly.

Twenty firemen were hurled into the gutter by a back-draught when they smashed the front windows to get into the building.

OFFICIAL OF SCALE COMPANY IS SUICIDE

Toledo, O., Dec. 19.—Robert Theobald, vice president of the Toledo Scale Company, was found dead in a bedroom at his home here this morning, a bullet wound in his head. A verdict of suicide was pronounced by Coroner Charles Hensley, after a cursory examination.

Theobald was found by Miss Nina Flinn, the Theobald maid who went to Theobald's room when he failed to appear for breakfast.

Miss Flinn said she heard a shot last night but paid no attention to it.



METHODISTS DEMAND USE OF NAVY TO STOP SMUGGLING OF RUM

Board of Temperance Suggests President Designate Vessels

Washington, Dec. 19.—Use of the navy to prevent rum smuggling was demanded today by the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church in a 16-plank platform for prohibition enforcement.

"The President should be authorized to make use of suitable naval vessels when necessary to prevent smuggling," the legislative committee asserted. "This does not indicate a break down of civil authority as he already has this authority in certain circumstances."

Certain literature issued by violent opponents of the prohibition law was called to the serious consideration of the department of justice, it was said, transcending the limits of free speech.

"We will defend to the uttermost the right of any man to criticize the prohibition law or to attempt to have the law changed by orderly processes, but opposition to the law which is only thinly veiled incitement to violation of it, calls for serious consideration of the department of justice."

ROBBER OF DAYTON STORE IS ARRESTED

Dayton, O., Dec. 19.—Ben Miller, 30, colored, was on the inside looking out today, with prospects of "looking out" for a long time.

Ben was arrested thirty minutes after he burglarized the Schinke Jewelry store at 9 o'clock last night. Stolen merchandise valued at \$400 was recovered. Miller admitted this robbery and then confessed, police say, to robbing the store of the West Side Jewelry Company, in November, of loot valued at \$500. Will Schinke, member of the firm robbed last night, encountered the negro in the store and grappled him. The bandit escaped but later returned for his overcoat and was arrested.

71 IN WORKS

Dayton, O., Dec. 19.—Seventy-one residents of Cuyahoga County today had breakfast at the Dayton work house for the first time. They were attending on the trip to Dayton by twenty-five deputy U. S. Marshals. They are to serve terms ranging from sixty days to one year for violation of the narcotic and prohibition regulations.

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Not in session. Irrigation and reclamation committee on Boulder dam. HOUSE. Takes up postoffice treasury appropriation bills.

IT WAS A GAY NIGHT AT THE INN POLICE RECORDS SHOW

Bedford, O., Dec. 19.—When Mayor Tom Day rapped his gavel for the last time early today after an all-night session of court, the police blotter here had recorded the following:

One hundred and thirty-one men fined \$5 each. Eight others awaiting trial. Seven women dancers under arrest.

The proprietor of the Old Green Valley Inn, near here fined \$100. The records do not show the names of 150 men who escaped by leaping through windows and by storming rear entrances.

It was a gay night at the Inn. More than 300 men were assembled for a stag party and an alleged drinking bout.

The Inn was blue with smoke. Jazzy strains filled the air. Laughter, flasks, impromptu singing and last but not least, by any means, according to Mayor Day, seven women dancers, one of whom did not wear so much.

Mayor Day and Mayor Holtz of Maple Heights and a score of deputies swarmed into the Inn.

Every person in this place is under arrest," Mayor Day shouted. The music stopped. The women dancers screamed. Then intense silence, an atmosphere surcharged with tension.

The Last Salute



MASTER SERGEANT ANGUS WALDEN

The entire regiment stood at attention when Master Sergeant Angus Walden, after thirty years service, retired from the Army at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. As a remembrance, Walden, who hails from Georgia, was presented with a watch and fob by his officers and men.

TWENTY THREE FOUND GUILTY ON CHARGES OF WET CONSPIRACY

Defendants Will Learn Fate December 30, Judge Says

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—The twenty three persons convicted in federal court here late yesterday of conspiracy to violate the federal prohibition laws in connection with the substitution of water for whiskey in the Jack Daniel Distillery at St. Louis, will know their fate on December 30 Judge Robert Baltzell who heard the cases said today.

Some of the defendants are planning to appeal their case, it was understood. Arnold J. Helmich, former collector of internal revenue for the eastern district of Missouri, refused to comment on the sentence, but Michael Whalen, Democratic politician of St. Louis, who was among those convicted declared, "It has been a fair and impartial trial."

Mrs. John Marcus, wife of "Jew John" Marcus, one of the defendants and who also is under indictment in Toledo, for murder, almost collapsed when the jury returned its verdict. Marcus will be taken to Toledo to answer a charge of murder as soon as sentence is passed by Judge Baltzell, it is said.

Mrs. Imogene Remus, wife of George Remus, millionaire bootleg king of Cincinnati and star government witness, was dismissed under the rules of evidence when the husband took the stand.

REVEAL DEATH PLOT AGAINST JUDGES

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Details of an assassination plot against several judges of the supreme court were disclosed today in an alleged confession of the communist, Hartman, held in Leipzig on charges of burglary.

Hartman is said to have confessed that he stole in order to finance the terrorist group which planned the assassinations.

Police revealed they had found two automobiles in which were several machine guns and revolvers, acting upon information supplied them by Hartman.

TEN OVERCOME WHEN HOTEL ANNEX BURNS

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—In a fire which swept the upper floors of the Woodbine Annex Hotel here last night, ten were overcome by smoke, cut by glass or otherwise injured before firemen extinguished the blaze.

The fire which caused damage estimated at \$20,000 spread so quickly that guests were unable to escape in the elevators.

Those who were caught in the trap were removed by firemen using extension ladders.

WILL JOIN OHIO

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—The state of Pennsylvania will also join with the state of Ohio and coal operators in asking the interstate commerce commission to modify existing differential rates which discriminate against Ohio and favor Kentucky and West Virginia according to a letter received by Attorney General Crabbe from the Pennsylvania public service commission.

COLORED MINISTER FROM DAYTON AMONG VICTIMS OF WRECK

Accident Happens On Pennsy at Altoona—Line Is Blocked

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 19.—Ten were injured, three seriously, when the eastbound New York express of the Pennsylvania Railroad was derailed at Bennington, near here early today.

The entire train, comprising three sleepers, two coaches, three express cars and the engine, left the rails, blocking all through traffic on the main line. The cause of the derailment has not been determined.

Relief trains with physicians and nurses arrived early at the scene and the injured were transferred to hospitals here.

Passenger trains are to be re-routed over another line pending removal of the wrecked cars.

The following were admitted to the Altoona hospital. William S. Pyle, 45, Youngwood, engineer of the train, condition serious.

Harry G. Paschall, 31, Wilkinsburg, fireman, condition fair.

Ben Hess, Woodhaven, Long Island, passenger, condition serious.

John Strayer, 51, Baislow, Ohio, passenger, employed by Ohio Paper Company, compound fracture of the nose, deep lacerations of head and face.

William Clark, 21, colored, Denver Colo., injuries to shoulder and right side of spine.

Rev. Victor Joseph, 34, colored, of 853 Clement Ave., Dayton, Ohio, laceration of head.

Clarence B. Pointer, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Max Schram, 19, New York.

John Freeman, Trainor, Pa.

John Blumling, 48, West Liberty, Pa.

MRS. STROME FILES NEW TRIAL MOTION

Springfield, O., Dec. 19.—Counsel for Mrs. Birdie Strome, convicted of killing her step-daughter, Esta, 14, with strychnine, appeared before Judge Frank M. Krapp today to present arguments for a new trial.

The plea was based on the contention that the weight of evidence did not support the verdict and that Carey Strome, Mrs. Strome's husband, should not have been permitted to testify against her.

Should Judge Krapp overrule the motion, Mrs. Strome, who is confined in the county jail, will be arraigned for sentence. As sentence of life imprisonment was made mandatory when the jury recommended mercy.

BLAMES BOLSHIEVIKI FOR PRESENT FATE

Paris, Dec. 19.—Princess Zizianoff, French widow of a Russian nobleman today charged that she had been a victim of Bolshevik propaganda which led the American consulate to refuse her a visa to take up a permanent residence in the United States.

"I protest with all my energy at the calumnies of Bolshevik origin, directed against me in the press," the Princess told the United Press. "I wanted to come to America to design and sell dresses. When I was in America I received assurances that my business would succeed. I returned to Paris to prepare the opening of my venture and was astounded when the American consul believed the calumnies."

GERMAN PAPERS SAY PROHIBITION DEAD

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Germans on their way to work today found their morning papers jubilantly proclaiming that the American congress had abolished prohibition.

The dispatches, which bore sensational headlines were sent from Paris. The press pointed out gleefully that if the report were correct chances of prohibition throughout Europe had received a severe setback.

TEN ARRAIGNED

Cleveland, Dec. 19.—Ten men and a woman were to be arraigned before Police Judge Alva Corlett today on gambling charges. The woman, Miss Addie McDonald, 23, is accused of operating a card game. Deputy Sheriff Charles Woodhill is also scheduled to appear before Judge Corlett on contempt charges, the outgrowth of the deputy's testimony at Corlett's gambling inquiry.

SALE DATES RESERVED
Jan. 14—J. W. Carter.

GREENE COUNTY SHOWS UP WELL IN BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB WORK NOW

Greene County boys and girls made a good showing compared with state figures of the number who completed their work in the Boys' and Girls' Club work the past year. State club work made a showing better than ever this year and gave Ohio a boost towards national leadership in 4-H clubs.

Two hundred and eighty-six boys and girls were enrolled in Greene County and of this number 233 finished their work. This gave the county a percentage of 81.5, according to J. R. Kimmer, local agent. It is hoped by the Farm Bureau to make this better next year.

Of the 24,751 boys and girls enrolled in some 2500 farm clubs last spring, exactly 20,268 of them—81.9 percent—finished their assigned tasks and exhibited their products at local fairs this fall, the state club leaders at the Ohio State University announce. Last year 76.6 percent of the 24,355 enrolled completed their projects.

No other state, Ohio club leaders believe, can point to a percentage of completions above 80 percent with so large an enrollment. Last year, for example in the 10 North Central States an average of 62 percent of all club members enrolled finished what they set out to do.

This year, for the third year in succession, Montgomery County leads other Ohio counties with 98.6 percent of those enrolled finishing. Its initial enrollment was 523 boys and girls. In all, 18 counties this year reported that more than 90 percent of their club members completed the season's work.

Girls predominate in these farm clubs about three to one. Clothing construction and food clubs were most popular with the girls, and pig and

poultry clubs led in the enrollment of boys. The chief aim of these 4-H clubs, the state leaders explain, is the development of these four H's: Head, heart, health and hand. The club motto is, "To Make the Best Better."

LETTERS TO EDITOR

I was astonished to read in last Wednesday's Gazette the account of the automobile accident in which I was one of the principals and which occurred about nine o'clock Tuesday evening at King and Church Sts.

The facts in the case are, my car was going at a normal rate of speed west on Church St., when near the corner of N. King and Church Sts my car was struck by the car coming at great speed from the south in a northerly direction on N. King St., and without stopping or slowing turned east on Church St. in so doing this car struck mine, a heavy Buick sedan with such force that it was turned almost completely turned around so that it faced southeast and capsized with the right side of the car down.

The force of the impact precludes the possible assumption that the other driver slowed up or stopped before entering Church St., as the law provides. The bumpers and fenders of the colliding car indicate the terrific impact.

I was traveling on a through street with the right of way. All of this may be private matter and I have no desire to burden the public with my affairs. However, I submit that any accident of this kind is of vital importance to any community for one reason or another if only to point the way toward building up better traffic regulations or the better enforcement of existing laws. If there is no executive department that has the power to enforce regulations one should be provided. "Stop" and "Slow" signs are numerous enough yet I see their non-observance daily. Almost anyone can name individuals who make it a practice to totally disregard traffic regulations.

I have never been in a city where the city authorities do not make complete notes of the circumstances surrounding any accident on a public street.

And here is the point. A major accident occurs on a main street of this city in which one of the victims is knocked senseless and injured and yet your city departments make no effort to reach the victims, to interview the doctor or those who were on the ground. Nor are notes taken as a public record for future eventualities. The matter is completely ignored, yet I read in your paper frequently of parties unfamiliar with your signal system being apprehended for not observing the colored flash signals.

I hope that no wrong interpretation be placed upon these remarks; they are made with no intent to criticize or with bitterness but merely to point out a condition that seems to exist. I take this opportunity of publicly expressing my great appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Schmidt for their

kindness in opening their home at the time of the accident and Dr. Paul Espey also to the many others present who were good enough to render so much assistance and sympathy.

THEO. F. LAIST.

EAST END NEWS

MRS. JAMES HARRIS

Correspondent

TEL. 91-R

St. John's A. M. E. Church—Rev. R. E. Hutchison, pastor. The "Ever Ready" club will serve a pre-Christmas dinner today beginning 5:00 p. m. at St. John's Parsonage. Everybody is invited. Mrs. E. S. Hutchison, President, Mrs. Dorothy Callender, Sec. Sunday services, 10:45 a. m. morning worship and preaching by the pastor. Subject: "The Church" continued. This will be the third and last sermon on this subject. Do not fail to hear it. Christmas will also be observed. 12:30 p. m. Sunday School. Special feature, an address by Prof. E. T. Banks of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Banks is one of the deputies of the municipal court and a general officer of the "Allen Life Guards." Everybody knows him as an orator. Mr. William S. Rogers, Supt. 3:00 p. m. Special service by the Sunday School. Every Sunday School will be represented. The principal speaker will be Mr. S. D. Swayne of Springfield, Ohio. Subject, "The Technique of Christianity." Committee, Mrs. Nona Johnson, Mrs. E. S. Hutchison and Miss Jennie Green. 6:30 p. m. A. C. E. League and program. Miss Constance Gee will be

in charge. An address will be delivered by Mr. Banks of Dayton, O.

Third Baptist Church, A. M. Howe, pastor. 9:30 a. m. Sunday School. 10:45 a. m. Preaching services. Special message brought by Rev. A. L. Smith of Lynchburg Va., 6:30 a. m. B. Y. P. U. Program in charge of group no. 2. 7:45 p. m. Union services by Zion, Middle Run and Third Baptist Churches. At this service Rev. C. M. Smith, field worker, will preach. All members who have not paid their offerings please come prepared to do so. Each church will lift their respective offerings as on other union occasions. Special music all day.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. A. L. Dooley, Pastor.
B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m., Mrs. A. C. Hawkins, president. Program leader, Miss Mattie Ann Thomas. Song—Union. Scripture Reading—Miss Alice Pheonix.

Reading of Minutes—Secretary. Piano Solo—Mr. Dewey Jamison. Reading—Miss Bionazetta Everette. Song—Mrs. C. M. Smith. Poems—Mr. William Ellis. Duet—Misses Anna Graves and Bertha Corbett. Reading—Mrs. Bertha Watson. Recitation—Master Elven Liggins. Quartette—Blade, Foster, Liggins and Scott. Discussion of topic: "The Adventurer Conquers New Worlds." Scripture Lesson, Matt. 28:16-29; Theme III, "Building the Christian Church, The Greatest Adventure of History."—Miss Lois Shields and Rev. Harry Tyree.

Please be on time. Preaching service, 10:30 a. m., "Baptizing sermon." Baptizing immediately after sermon.



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Greene County Library Notes

PERIODICALS

Many patrons of the Greene County Library fail to realize what a splendid selection of periodicals may be found in the reading room each month. These number seventy, of which forty-two are subscriptions paid by the library and twenty-eight donated.

Every month the bulletin board holds a poster calling attention to "the ten outstanding magazine articles of the month." Nearly all of the articles mentioned may be found in the library. In this age of busy people and countless magazines, no one person can read everything and it is often difficult to know what is really worth while. The informa-

tins should be of great value.

Among the articles recommended for December are:

"After Locarno, A New Era," by Frank H. Simonds, in Review of Reviews. This is a discussion of all phases of the Locarno agreement and their possible significance in world history.

"What is the Senate," by George Wharton Pepper in The Forum. In this article the senator from Pennsylvania describes what is happening to the Senate under pressure of external influences.

"Is the Universe Running Down," by Henry Morris Russell in Scientific American. Mr. Russell who is professor of astronomy at Princeton dis-

ed by recent discoveries, enabling us to make predictions by the thousand-fold.

"We reach the Land of the Red Lama" by Kermit Roosevelt in Cosmopolitan. This is the second article of a series describing one of the most romantic travel expeditions of the day.

JAPS ATTACKING FAKE STOCK SCHEMES

Tokyo, (By mail to the United Press)—Dec. 19—The Ministry of Finance has opened a campaign to swat bogus stock company promoters.

In an elaborate series of warnings to the public the Ministry lists these "do not's":

"Invest any money in enterprises that promise you 20 or 30 per cent returns.

"Be fooled by the names of Peers, Diet members or Doctors which are presented in lists of officers of companies.

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Merry Christmas

When Frank P. Church of the editorial staff of the New York Sun answered in letter form the little girl who wrote to the paper to ask if there is really a Santa Claus, he committed a classic. That was more than twenty years ago but the letter has been quoted and re-published so often that it has taken a definite place in the newspaper literature of the period as well as in the hearts of those stirred by the magnetism of Christmas.

For Church told the little girl that there is a Santa Claus as sure as there are little girls to believe in him and that as long as the milk of human kindness does not curdle, as long as the spirit of the Nativity shall live in the hearts of men and as long as charity and love shall continue as major virtues, he will continue to live.

Thus Santa Claus, an imaginary figure of kindly visage, is clothed in the beautiful memories of childhood and comes to live as an embodiment of the better side of life that is inspired at the Christmas-tide. But for the adults of the business world charity and love are interpreted in terms of co-operation and civic patriotism and the Yule-Tide message from the merchants on this page is designed to spread good will among men to the greater progress of Xenia and the greater prosperity of all.

Santa Claus is now walking the streets of Xenia as the Day of Nativity approaches. He is present among the crowds of shoppers hurrying from store to store, he touches the spring that releases the smile when buyers jostle each other good naturedly in the business houses, he stares out from the wistful eyes of the youth eyeing the playthings in the shop windows and he breathes the spirit of camaraderie into the happy salutations shouted back and forth among the holiday crowds.

At this time of year at least he is the patron saint of the business man, fostering and encouraging the buy at home spirit that makes for greater prosperity and guarantees the success of the seasonal buying rush.

Merchants on this page wish that the spirit embodied in the Santa Claus could be made to live in the hearts of Xenians for all the rest of the year. In lieu of the successful outcome of this wish, these merchants extend seasonal greetings to readers and sincerely offer them the wish of a Merry Christmas.

BUILDING MATERIAL HANDLED AT STILES

Stiles Coal Company, Hill Street, boasts one of the best stocks of building brick in the county. The company handles a complete line of all kinds of building material.

Its stock includes cement, lime, plaster, brick, stone, metal lath, steel window framing, fire brick and clay.

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YULETIDE PARTY HELD BY BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB

Xenia Business and Professional Women's Club held its Yuletide party at the Knights of Pythias Castle Thursday evening. The party was one of the most successful and enjoyable held by the club, under the direction of the hostess, committee composed of Miss Helen Dods, chairman; Miss Dorothy Hester, Mrs. W. S. Sackett, Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, and Miss Thelma Routzong.

A Christmas tree, gaily decked with bright trinkets, was placed in the lecture room, surrounded by "white elephant gifts" brought by the members.

Dinner was served at 6 o'clock, when members of the Pythian Sisters served a delicious repast. The tables were centered with graceful red and white Christmas tree centerpieces. Christmas songs were sung during the dinner hour. Members were grouped for various stunts, a prize being awarded the best.

Two plays were presented by members of the club dramatic class after dinner. The first was "The Christmas Guest" presented by Miss Lorena Paulin, Miss Nellie McKay, Miss Louise Shaffer, Miss Doris Meahl, and Miss "Billy" Meahl.

Characters in the second playlet "Her Crowning Glory" were Miss Julia Wolf, Miss Helen Ford, Miss Roberta Shaw, Miss Doris Meahl, Miss Mae Orr and Miss Alice Foley.

The plays were the main feature on the program, and followed the business meeting. The "white elephant" gifts were distributed among members from the Christmas tree, by a number system.

A large number of members with guests attended the party.

PROGRAM OF FIRST M. E. CHURCH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

First M. E. Church choir will present its Christmas music Sunday evening, December 20 at 7 o'clock with Miss Theda Downing, organist and Mr. Raymond Stillings, director. The program will be as follows:

Christmas Carol—Hark the Herald Angels Sing and Silent Night, Holy Night—Choir.

Organ Prelude—March of the Magi, Harker—Miss Downing.

Hymn—Choir and congregation.

Prayer—Dr. Stanton.

Anthem—Gesu Bambino, Pietro A. Von—Mr. Curge and Choir.

Quartet—A King Shall Reign, Ira B. Wilson—Misses Helen Hurley and Leona Keller, W. E. Currie and R. E. Stillings.

Anthem—Gloria in Excelsis—12th Mass, Mozart—Choir.

Offertory—Christmas Offertory, Hosmer.

Solo—Glory to God in the Highest, Harker—Miss Keller.

Hymn—Choir and congregation.

Anthem—Hallelujah chorus from "The Messiah," Handel—Choir.

Postlude, by Harker—Miss Downing.

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PRESBYTERIAN MISSION SOCIETY AT BALDNER HOME

Mrs. Jacob Baldner opened her home in a most hospitable manner Friday afternoon, to the women's missionary society of the First Presbyterian Church.

Receiving with Mrs. Baldner were Mrs. W. E. Cox, Miss Carrie Allison and Mrs. H. R. McClellan. Mrs. O. M. Whittington led the devotions and Mrs. D. D. Jones gave a charming reading, "Dickens' Christmas Carol."

Mrs. Paul D. Espey read the chapter from the mission study book.

Mrs. Reed Madden was elected president of the society during the business meeting and other officers were re-elected.

A social hour followed the program and business meeting when a tempting refreshment course was served. The meeting was well attended.

FIRST LUTHERAN CANTATA SUNDAY EVE

Elaborate arrangements are being made by the First Lutheran Church, for the Christmas cantata at the church Sunday evening, December 20 at 7:30 o'clock. Both the Sunday School and church choir will take part in the cantata "Sons of Promise."

Windows of the church will be decorated with lighted candles and Christmas greens.

DANCING CLASSES TO HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Junior and infant members of Miss Kathryn Pinkney's dancing class will hold a merry Christmas party at the Junior Order Hall, S. Detroit St., Monday afternoon, it is announced.

Each youngster will bring a ten cent gift and Miss Pinkney has arranged an interesting program for the little folks. Older pupils will attend the party from 2 to 4 and the younger children from 4 to 5 o'clock.

INSY WOMAN'S AID TO HOLD PARTY

Woman's Aid of the Pennsylvania Railroad will hold its Christmas party next Tuesday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, in the social rooms at the station. All women members of railroaders' families and their friends are invited. Women who do not play cards may bring their needlework.

PAINTERSVILLE D. of A.

Victoria Council, No. 91, D. of A. of Paintersville is requesting that all members attend the meeting Tuesday evening, when business of importance will be transacted.

TO EXCHANGE GIFTS

Members of the McGervey Class, Trinity M. E. Church, will exchange gifts at the meeting to be held at the Goody Shoppe, Monday evening. Clever Christmas features are being arranged for the party.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Goodyear, their son and daughter of Chicago, will be houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perrill, N. Galloway St., over Christmas.

Miss Lois Grigsby, head of the English department, of Central High School left Friday for her home in White Horn, Tenn., to spend the holiday period.

Miss Beatrice Stiff, Cincinnati, is visiting Miss Louise Barnett, W. Market St.

RECENT BRIDE IS HONORED AT PARTY

Mrs. Glen Earhart, Dayton, formerly Miss Cleo Hurley, this city, was feted with a miscellaneous "showery" given by Mrs. Dan Gilliam, assisted by Miss Leona Parson, at the Gilliam home near Wilmington, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Earhart received several handsome gifts. Twenty five guests attended the party, including a number of relatives of the honor guest.

DISPLAY PICTURES

Two pictures, to be presented by the Junior Woman's Club and the D. A. R. of the city for Central High School, were placed in the window of Galloway and Cherry's, West Main Street, Saturday. The pictures will be given to the high school next week and will be kept on display several days.

DINNER PARTY

Mrs. J. D. Steele and daughters, the Misses Florence and Margaret, have issued invitations for dinner, December 28, at 6:30 o'clock. The affair will be one of a series at the Steele home.

Mr. David B. Doggett, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, will arrive Sunday to spend the Christmas vacation with his grandfather, Mr. D. M. Doggett, S. Collier St.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Kuhn and children will visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, E. Third St., Dayton, Sunday.

Miss Mary Little, student at Wellesley, arrived home Friday. Miss Helen Little will arrive from Skidmore Sunday.

Several Xenia friends of Miss Billman, Dayton, have received invitations to a dancing party at the Troy Country Club, Christmas night.

Mr. Kenneth Holman, who attends Miami University, arrived Friday to spend the holidays.

Friends in Xenia of Miss Mary Ninde, Fort Wayne, Ind., will anxiously await her recovery from an operation for appendicitis, performed at a Fort Wayne Hospital, Saturday.

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Messrs. P. H. Flynn and Frederick Flynn returned Thursday after a two weeks' sojourn through the South and in Cuba.

Miss Ruth Whittington and Mr. Loren Whittington, students at Denison University, have arrived home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Whittington.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hetsel, Jamestown Pike, are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday morning.

Miss Grace Kiernan, faculty member at Miami University, Oxford, O., and Miss Eleanor Kiernan, student at that school, have arrived home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kiernan, W. Second Street.

Pupils of Ludlow School will give a Christmas entertainment, Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Residents of the community and the general public are invited.

Miss Mary Ballantyne, daughter of Mr. J. W. Ballantyne, North Detroit Street, arrived home Friday afternoon from Western College for Women, to spend the holidays. Mr. Robert Ballantyne, student at Muskingum, arrived home Saturday afternoon for his vacation.

Mr. B. H. Slagle, of the Slagle Poster Advertising Co., has loaned a large poster, depicting the Nativity and the Wise Men to the First Presbyterian Church for the Christmas season. The picture has been mounted in the church vestibule and will be shown Sunday and through Christmas week.

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WHAT'S THE TERRIBLE RUSH?

AUTOMOBILE and other street accidents have become so numerous in many cities that campaigns have been commenced to teach the public, pedestrians as well as drivers of vehicles, the wisdom of exercising care on the public streets.

Investigations of accidents on the streets have developed that a large percent of them is avoidable; that they are the result of carelessness on the part of the driver of the vehicle or the pedestrian, who is the worst sufferer when a collision occurs.

Men and women rush across the streets or between street cars and vehicles, apparently without any thought of the dangers they face in doing so.

Automobile drivers are not blameless in the matter. Many of them taking chances in rushing across a street ahead of a street car or another automobile, all for the evident purpose of saving a few seconds, as if the saving of time justified them in running the risk of being struck.

Even without the aid of a traffic officer at the street crossing, travel would adjust itself if every person exercised good judgment in crossing. "Go with the traffic" is advice which may be followed with safety under almost every condition.

The drivers of vehicles are blamed for many more accidents than should be charged to them. Pedestrians have a responsibility which they should not attempt to evade. It is much easier for the individual to wait a few seconds than it is for the driver of an automobile to stop to prevent striking a person who has rushed into the middle of the street in thoughtless haste.

Every person, driver or pedestrian, who uses the streets has it in his power to aid in making the streets safe for all.

BETTER BOOKS INTO DEMAND.

THE information disclosed by a bookseller as to the kind of books which are most in demand for Christmas presents will be gratifying to all who desire to see good taste cultivated in popular literature. It is stated that the best sellers are not trashy novels of the type which formerly led in sales, and that the beautifully bound and printed but rather empty "gift books" which once were popular are not wanted now; customers instead are calling for thoughtful fiction of the better sort, for works on travel, and especially for books dealing with history and biography.

Less attention is being given to binding and more to contents. Several reasons are advanced for the change. One is that books cost so much more now than they used to that people no longer feel ashamed to choose them for Christmas gifts. A few years ago, the book-seller states, when it was possible to buy a book for about a dollar, there were those who feared they would be considered niggardly if they spent no more than that on a present; therefore, they demanded the expensive leather-bound "gift-books." But now that a novel costs \$2 and non-fiction as a rule two or three times that much, there is no longer that feeling.

Non-fiction is selling as well as novels. This may be attributed to the fact that the war and the succeeding events have broadened the average American's outlook on life and the world; at least, that accounts in some degree for the demand for books treating of general history and the lives of statesmen.

Whatever the causes are for improvement of popular literary taste, it is to be welcomed as evidence of the spreading of intelligence.

CHANGING STANDARDS.

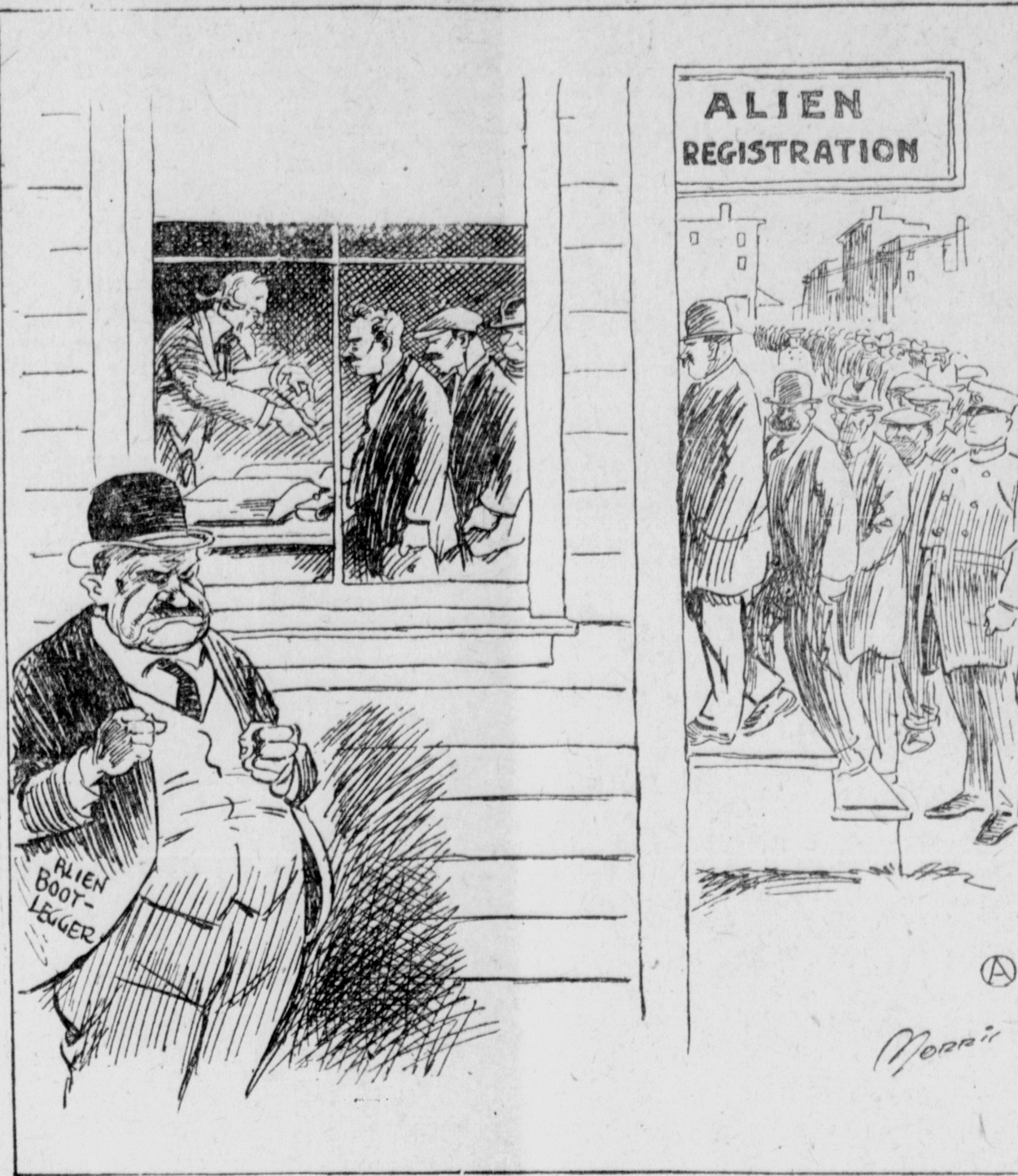
IT IS the opinion of Professor Robert E. Chaddock, of Columbia University, that doubling the population of the United States would result in a diminished per capita consumption of luxuries and non-essentials, with a resultant fall in the standard of living.

Here Professor Chaddock uses the phrase "high standard of living" in its popular sense, which is that the greater the consumption of luxuries the higher the living standard. In its modern usage the expression has no reference to relative quantities of food consumed, although it is sometimes remarked that the living standard of those who can afford edible luxuries is higher than those who are plentifully supplied with more substantial foodstuffs.

Is it not conceivable, however, that some future generation, perhaps of necessity, will find in simple living the highest living standard? Even in this day there is no agreement between nations and races as to just what high and low standards of living are. Higher and lower are relative terms, defined according to the taste and habits of the individual doing the eating, drinking and general high and fast living, or the contrary.

For this generation the job is the establishment of a sane and economically safe standard of living, and that is not as easy as it sounds. It is doubtful if one generation can erect a compromise between those who would "eat drink and be merry" and those who eat sparingly, want little and ask no other luxury than moments for meditation.

ANOTHER BUSINESS SHOT TO PIECES



1905-Twenty Years Ago-1925

It begins to look as though Xenia would soon be reveling in the luxury of natural gas. The mains are now laid to within ten miles of the city and may reach here by January 1.

There has been a big delegation of Greene Countyans down at Thebes, Ill., the past season engaged in work on the new powder plant for the Miami Powder

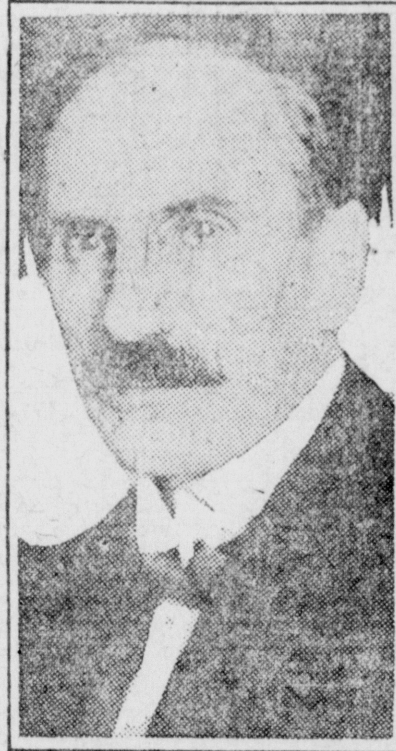
Co. Robert Kingsbury has arrived home from school to spend the holidays.

Walker Gibney returned home Thursday evening from New Concord, O., where he has been a student at Muskingum College. Xenia High School basketball team will play Jacobs Business College Christmas afternoon.

These are signs that Christmas morning isn't very far away.

When the boy has washed for supper and his hair displays a part. When he doesn't tease his sister till the tears of anger start; When the pair of them at evening march obediently to bed And you know the happy meaning of that chatter overhead. When they do the things they should do every minute of the day— These are signs that Christmas morning isn't very far away.

New President of Switzerland



Henri Haebelin will be president of Switzerland in 1926. The republic has an automatic system of succession which advances the president of the senate to the vice presidency and thence to its "White House" for a term of one year.

Efficient Housekeeping by Laura A. Kirkman

READERS' LETTERS TOMORROW'S MENU
Breakfast
Grapes
Cereal
Creamed Dried Beef
Toast
Dinner
Roast Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Spiced Beet Salad
Pumpkin Pie
Supper
Cold Left-Over Meat Loaf
Hot Quick Biscuits
Apple Sauce
Coke
Cocoa

In response to a request published some time ago, from "B. W.", who wanted to know how to make the crumb-like top on coffee cake, I have received some 20 replies! Isn't that splendid? It will take time to publish them all, but I will do so, for each letter seems to give a slightly different hint on the matter. Here are a few:

"Mrs. G. C.: Miss B. W. used too much fat in her recipe for a crumb-like top to coffee bread. The correct proportion is an equal amount of sugar and flour. For example: use five tablespoons of white sugar, five tablespoons of flour, three tablespoons of butter and two teaspoons of ground cinnamon. Work together like pie crust and sprinkle on top of coffee bread."

"G. S.: I had the same trouble as Miss B. W. until I found out that the coffee bread must be covered over while baking. I now brush the top of the bread with egg, crumble the top on just before putting the pan in the oven, then cover with a thick brown paper. Keep this paper on while in the oven and put something across the top of pan to keep paper from settling down on top of the crumbles."

"Mrs. C. M.: The method of prepar-

ing the crumbs for 'Streusel Cake,' as it is known in the bakeries, is this: Melt the butter and allow it to cool slightly. Mix sugar, cinnamon and flour together, and stir gradually into the melted butter. If the lumps do not form well, add a bit more flour."

"Mrs. G. M. D.: In making the crumb-like top for coffee cake, I first mix the flour and butter together, blending like meal, then I add the sugar and cinnamon."

"A Reader: If followed closely, these directions will give perfect results: Two tablespoons of flour, four heaping tablespoons of sugar and one level teaspoon of ground cinnamon and three heaping tablespoons of shortening (butter preferred.) First mix the dry ingredients together, then cut in the shortening with a knife or fork. Do not use hands."

"Mrs. J. W.: Take two and one-half cups of flour, one cup of butter and two cups of granulated sugar. Mix flour and sugar thoroughly in a large dish or pan, then take butter melted (not too hot) and add to the sugar flour mixture, rubbing all together till crumbs form. If mixed too much they will become too fine. This recipe makes enough for several different bakings. It will keep in a cool place if put in a stone jar and covered."

Just Folks

BY EDGAR A. GUEST

SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS
When a man becomes a pack horse as he journeys home at night And the bundles he is bearing must be smuggled out of sight; When he plans with friendly neighbors for a hiding place to store The bicycle a certain little boy is waiting for, And when whispered conversations mark the ending of the day— These are signs that Christmas morning isn't very far away.

When you catch a bright-eyed youngster looking underneath your bed, And you know the thing he's seeking is the newest type of sled; When the little ones are watching every move you dare to make, And no boy can bring a parcel that they do not rush to take; When old wits must match with young ones every minute of the day— These are signs that Christmas morning isn't very far away.

And when mother, very strangely, as you're starting off to work Calls you back to fix your necktie or to give your coat a jerk, And then whispers something to you, and you merely nod your head, Pretending that you haven't heard a single word she said; When young ears are stretched wide open catching everything you say—



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Today's Talks

PURPOSE

Something must almost lift us or else we weaken, stumble, or fall. There is something in us all that makes us feel that we are not strong enough for many an emergency, and that we must somehow be reinforced.

And it is this realization on our part that arouses the flame within us that warms our souls and stirs our hearts and makes us say to ourselves that we can win, that we can excel, that we can go higher.

We do not know what this force is but we give it a name. We call it the hidden purpose.

Without purpose to lift us, to lead us, to drive us on, we lack all incentive.

The flower, the tree, the great building, the book that you have read, the experimenter at his table, the teacher, the woodsman—these have all had a dominating purpose behind them.

The silent man, who thinks and pines on, how often he emerges as a giant and controlling figure in the world!

We are not able to judge a purpose. He, alone, who warms and harbors it, is able to know its dominating and inspiring power.

The more we feel that we understand the great God, the more do we feel an enlarging purpose growing and maturing within us.

It is this purpose that we own which keeps us strong in the midst of doubt and consecutive failure and which gives us our every victory.

The purposeful and the purpose full life is the only happy and successful life.

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SEAT SALE AT HAYWARDS

GAS MAINS BEING LAID IN OSBORN

Work on laying mains for the new gas distributing system at Osborn is well under way and gas for the householders of that village will be in domestic use at an early date.

The system is being installed by the

Jantha Light and Fuel Company, the holders of the old franchise. In the relocation of the new village, the gas system was abandoned in the old town and due to receivership of the Jantha people, which was recently lifted the town has had to do without gas.

TELEPHONE YOUR

WANT ADS

CENTRAL BASKETEERS LOSE COURT GAME TO WILMINGTON HIGH FRIDAY

After winning in football 6 to 0 the past season, Wilmington High School literally added insult to injury by trimming Central High School's basketball team 14 to 9 Friday night at Wilmington High gym.

It was Central's second defeat of the season by a close margin and came unexpectedly.

Central played a wonderful floor game early in the season, completely bewildering its shorter, snappier opponents with short, snappy passes. However, when it came to turning opportunities for baskets into points, Central was off color.

Wilmington took advantage of an erratic Central defense and failed to waste many opportunities to score. Despite a dearth in fielders, Central could have won the game on foul shots alone, the players missing seven out of eight.

Spears was the principal point getter for Wilmington making five fielders, more than two thirds of his team's points. Huston, Smith, Stearns, and Finlay each contributed one fielder to the scoring, Finlay making one foul.

Lack of scoring ability of both teams was a surprise. Both teams showed a flashy offense and were each able to penetrate opponents' defense for short shots.

EATON NATIONAL GUARD TEAM BEATS COMPANY L OUTFIT

Company E, National Guard basketball team, Eaton, defeated Company L, Xenia National Guard quintet for the second time this season 37 to 30 in a fast well-played game at the O. S. and S. O. Home armory Friday night.

The Eaton five beat the local company by the score of 60 to 13 earlier in the season and the guard team's showing Friday in the return game was a startling upset.

The contest was witnessed by a large crowd. Company L will meet the Alpha Cadets at the Home Armory Wednesday night, it is announced.

Lineup and summary:

Company L (30) Company E (37)
F. Davis RF Coblenz
Gegner LF Galen
L. Davis C Benson
Stephens RG Meyers
Wooley LG Barnes
Substitutions: Company L—Fuller for F. Davis, Company E—Splitter for Coblenz, Stevens for Galen, Waters for Meyers, Galen for Benson, Field goals—Gegner 6, L. Davis 5, Wooley 1, F. Davis 1, Fuller 1, Benson 7, Coblenz 3, Splitter 2, Galen 3, Barnes 2, Foul goals—Gegner 2, Splitter 1, Benson 1, Barnes 1.

EAGLES DEFEATED BY DAYTON STARS

Victor Kolb, coach of Central High School and former member of Ohio Wesleyan University's star basketball quintet last season, demonstrated in the Eagle All-Star-Dayton Delco court clash at Springfield Thursday night he has lost none of his old-time ability.

The Delcos' with such stars as Sacksteder, McManus, Heeter, Young and Harvey Schwab in the lineup, nosed out the Springfield Eagles 31 to 30. The Eagles team was composed of Roll, Hummon, Sifford, Mayl, Matuseff, Ko., Shica and Compton. Kolb and Compton played a wonderful game for the Eagles but it seemed almost impossible to stop Sacksteder and Heeter. Kolb tossed in one foul goal as his share of the evening's entertainment.

DEFIANCE TO MEET CEDARVILLE FIVE

Cedarville College basketball team, undaunted by the close defeat by Wilmington last week, will make an effort to score its first court victory of the season in the game with Defiance College at the Cedarville gym Saturday night.

Cedarville is represented by one of the strongest teams in years and hopes to experience another successful cage season. Nagley and Adair furnish the big scoring combination that proved almost unstoppable last season and which continued a fast pace in the opening contest with the Quakers.

Defiance is a traditional rival of Cedarville and also has a strong lineup this year. Defiance met with defeat in the Wittenberg College game Friday night by a close score.

COMING EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

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Friday

Eagles, Maccabees, Rebekahs.

Monday

Co. L Drill, D. of P., Xenia S. P. O., Phi Delta Kappa, B. P. O. E., Shawnee I. O. O. F.

Tuesday

Obad. D. of A., Moose Legion, Xenia I. O. O. F., Kiwanis, Rotary.

Wednesday

Church Prayer Meets, J. O. U. A. M., K. of P., Moose.

Thursday

Red Men, P. of X, D. of A., W. R. C.

MURDERER SOUGHT

Cleveland—Search for the slayer of Louis Low, Chinese laundryman, continued today. Low was found murdered Thursday in the rear of his laundry.

Bowling

Ary's "5", cellar champs in the Xenia Bowling League, took two out of three games from the Critteron bowling team in a league match Friday night. Sachs bowled best for the winners while Anderson topped the Critteron attack. Box score:

Critteron	172	164	184
Anderson	152	165	179
Swindler	160	166	167
Gordon	160	121	162
Highley	171	123	197
Berger	171	123	197
Totals	819	739	889
Ary's "5"	142	134	186
Merritt	174	142	129
Sachs	182	181	177
Hughes	174	154	170
Full	150	165	149
Ross	---	---	---
Totals	822	776	811

CEDARVILLE, BATH AND ROSS SHOW WAY TO COUNTY COURT LOOP TEAMS

Cedarville and Bath Twp. High School basketball teams won double victories over Caesar Creek and Bellbrook boys' and girls' teams respectively, Ross Twp. boys' team beat the O. S. and S. O. Home quintet and the Home girls' sextet forfeited its game to Ross, as a result of the second week of play in the Greene County Basketball Association League Friday night.

The Yellow Springs game with Spring Valley was not played and the regularly scheduled boys' and girls' games between Jamestown and Beavercreek High Schools have been continued until Monday night on the Ross Twp. floor.

The Home-Ross girls' game was forfeited to Ross 2 to 0, because Home girls were unopposed with the rules followed by girls' teams in the loop.

The scores:

Lineup and summary: Ross O. S. and S. O. Home boys' game:
Ross (27) Home (14)
Knecht RF Pemberton
Brakefield LF Ross
Roddy C Rogers
Reid RG McCord
Dwyer LG Sharp
Substitutions: Ross—Deck for Dwyer, Cummings for Brakefield, Home—Yockish for Pemberton, Elder for Ross, March for Rogers, Martz for Sharp, King for McCord, Rogers for Sharp, Tetlow for Rogers, Field goals—Knecht 5, Roddy 3, Brakefield 2, Reid 1, Ross 3, King 1, Martz 1, Foul goals—Knecht 1, Roddy 3, Reid 1, Ross 1, Rogers 2, McCord 1, Referee, Sheets, Antioch College.

Lineup and summary Bath-Bellbrook girls' game:
Bath (51) Bellbrook (0)
Haddix RF Van Camp
Bennett LF Hill
McConnell C Sallow
Haer RG Kemp
Sweet LG Clark
Lewis LG Lingamouth
Field goals—Haddix 15, Bennett 10, Foul goals—Haddix 1, Referee—Beals.

Lineup and summary Bath-Bellbrook boys' game:
Bath (14) Bellbrook (11)
H. Lewis RF Wright
Ford LF Crowl
W. Lewis C Crowl
Smith RG Edgington
Fite LG Stubbs
Substitutions: Bath—Croskey for Smith; Lerkey for W. Lewis, Bellbrook—Huston for Wright, Field goals—H. Lewis 1, Ford 1, Fite 2, Croskey 1, Wright 3, Huston 1, Foul goals—H. Lewis 1, Fite 3, Wright 1, Black 1, Huston 1, Referee, Peach, Wilbur Wright Field.

Lineup Cedarville-Caesar Creek girls' game:
Cedarville (50) Caesar Creek (11)
J. Auld RF Conklin
W. Auld LF Lewis
Smith C Shambaugh
Shaw RG Carl
Paxton LG St. John
Harrow LG Thompson

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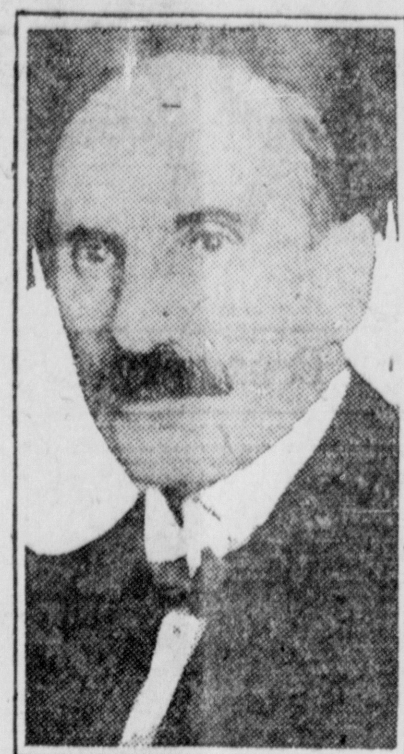
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New President of Switzerland



Henri Haeblerlin will be president of Switzerland in 1926. The republic has an automatic system of succession which advances the president of the senate to the vice presidency and thence to its "White House" for a term of one year.

GABBY STREET

By NORMAN E. BROWN

"GABBY" STREET, might not be ranked with Billy Sullivan, Buck Ewing, "Deacon Jim" White, Chief Zimmer, as a great catcher by some of the old timers.

Some of the old boys will mention "King" Kelly, Charley Farrell, Attie, all of National League fame, and Lou Criger, Billy Sullivan, Ryan and possibly Ray Schalk of the American League ahead of "Gabby."

But this veteran backstop, who just signed to managed Augusta in the South Atlantic League, need not bow his head. He won a goodly measure of fame and enough to carry him through time with the rest of the stars.

Street has two distinct claims to fame. One is that he caught the incomparable Walter Johnson for many years. Second, that he was the first man to catch a baseball dropped from the Washington monument.

Gabby's latter feat was performed against the advice of physics experts who declared that the force of the ball might kill him, were he to get in its way. Gabby just spit in his big mitt and waited for the ball to land in it—which said ball did.

Street's nickname of "Gabby" may be derived from his talkative nature behind the plate, but his main asset is perseverance.

Bill wanted to become a good catcher and did. When he had achieved that fame the war came along. Bill, well to do and sitting pretty, wanted to go to war. He did after undergoing a surgical operation to pass the physical examination.

He wanted to be at the finish of the war, too, and was. He went through three gas attacks but refused to be invalidated home. When the Big Push at the Argonne began Charley was there. The fourteenth day of fighting found him lying, cut with shrapnel, in no man's land. He lay there fourteen hours before being rescued but lived through it—to continue in baseball.

Wootter, O.—With the Grafton site for the proposed state institution for feeble-minded, definitely discarded, citizens of Apple Creek, are advocating a 2,000 acre tract in what is known as the "Fountain District" east of that village.

HAS BIG FINE.

Stauberville, Thomas Culbertson must pay a fine of \$100, forfeit a bond of \$5,000 and serve twelve months in the Canton workhouse for violating liquor laws.

Daily Market News

LIVE STOCK

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Hogs—Receipts, 4,000; market, steady; lights 10 cents lower; top, \$11.30; bulk, \$10.30 to \$10.80; heavies, \$10.25 to \$10.80; mediums, \$10.60 to \$10.90; lights, \$10.50 to \$11.30; light lights, \$10.70 to \$11.60; packing sows, \$8.95 to \$9.60; pigs, \$11.50 to \$12.

Cattle—Receipts 500, market, compared week ago fat steers early decline 25¢ to 40¢ lower; heavies in excessive supply off most, fat steers in specialty class, early top heavies, \$14.00; heavies moved favorable speed at \$13; most yearlings \$14; fat sheep stock 25¢ to 50¢ lower; canners 10¢ to 15¢ lower; bulls, steady 25¢ lower.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000 market for week around 4100; direct including today run and 39 double decks from feeding stations compared with week ago, fat lambs mostly steady, yearlings 25¢ to 50¢ higher; better grade fat sheep 50 cents lower; feeders steady; weeks top fat lambs, \$16.75; feeding lambs, \$16.65; yearling wethers, \$14; aged wethers, \$11.50; fat ewes, \$9.

PITTSBURGH

Cattle—Receipts light, market steady choice \$10.00 to \$10.50; good 9.50 to \$10.00; fair 7.00 to \$8.00; veal calves 14.00 to \$14.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts light, \$10.00; good shorthorn doddou market steady. Good 9.25 to \$10.00; fair mixed 8.25 to \$9.25; yearling lambs 6.50 to \$7.00.

Hogs—Receipts 12 doubles; market steady. Prime heavy 11.00 to \$11.25; mediums 11.50 to \$11.80; heavy yorkers 11.65 to \$11.70; light yorkers 11.90 to \$12.00; pigs 11.90 to \$12.00; roughs 8.25 to \$9.25; stags \$5.50 to \$6.50.

CINCINNATI LIVE STOCK

Cattle, receipts 325, market steady; steers, good to choice \$9 to \$11. Calves, market steady; good to choice \$12 to \$13.

Hogs, receipts 1400; market steady good to choice packers and butchers \$11.40 to \$11.60.

Sheep, receipts 50; market steady; good to choice \$6 to \$8.

Lambs, market steady; good to choice \$15.50 to \$16.

DAYTON

Receipts 5 cars; market steady. Heavies, 200 lbs. up \$ 11.00
Mediums, 130-200 lbs. \$ 11.00
Pigs, 40 lbs. down 8.00 to 10.00
Stags \$4.00 to 7.00
Sows 8.00 to 9.75

CATTLE

Receipts 10 cars; market steady. Best fat steers 8.50 to 9.00
Veal calves 8.00 to 12.00
Best butcher heifers 6.50 to 7.50
Best butcher heifers 6.00 to 8.00
Best fat cows 5.00 to 5.50
Medium cows 3.00 to 4.00
Bologna cows 2.00 to 2.50
Bulls 4.00 to 5.50

SHEEP

Spring lambs \$10.00 to \$13.00
Sheep 2.00 to 5.00

XENIA

(Faulkner and St. John)
Hogs—Heavies \$10.20; mediums \$10.50; pigs \$10.50; sows \$9; stags \$5
Cattle—Butcher steers \$5 to \$7; butcher heifers \$5 to \$6; stock heifers \$4 to \$5; fat cows \$4 to \$4.50
Sheep \$4 to \$5; lambs \$8 to \$12; veal calves \$10.

GRAIN

DAYTON

Flour and Grain

(By the Durt Milling Co.)

(Prices being paid for grain at mill.)

Wheat, No. 1, New, \$1.75.
Rye, No. 2, 90¢ per bu.
Corn, 90¢ per 100 lbs.
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(By The DeWine Milling Co.)
(Buying Price)

No. 1, Timothy Hay, \$17.
No. 1, Light Mixed Hay, baled, \$16.
New Yellow Corn, 53¢.
No. 2 Red Winters, \$1.65.
Middlings, \$2.00 cwt.
No. 2, New White Oats, 35¢.
No. 2, Rye, 75¢.
Flakey wheat bran, \$2.00 cwt.

PRODUCE

CABBAGE:—
Range, \$35 per ton.

CELERY:—
50¢ per dozen.

Ohio \$4.50 per large crate or \$3.25 @ 3.75 per two-thirds crate.

California \$5 to \$6.75 per large crate.

LETTUCE:—
Hot house leaf \$1.25 to \$1.30 per ten pound basket.

California, \$4 to \$4.50.

POTATOES:—
Ohio \$2 to \$2.05 per bushel.

Indiana \$5 per 150 pound sack.

Colorado \$5.00 per 100 lb. sack.

POULTRY:—
Express fowls 26¢ to 27¢.

Light 20¢ to 21¢.

Springers, 29¢.

Roosters, 16¢.

Ducks, 30¢. Geese, 21¢ to 23¢.

Turkeys, 36¢ to 50¢.

BUTTER:—
Extra in tubs 49¢ to 50¢ 1-2¢.

Extra firsts 48¢ to 49¢.

Firsts 46¢ to 48¢.

Packing stocks 32¢ up.

EGGS:—

Northern Ohio extras 52¢.
Extra firsts 48¢.
Ohio first, 45¢.
Pullets 32¢ to 34¢.
Western firsts 44¢.

CHEESE:—
Old York state (old) 30¢ to 32¢.
Old York state (new) 29¢ to 30¢.
Swiss fancy new 52¢ to 55¢.
Brick, 25¢ to 27¢.
Imported 54¢ to 56¢.

DAYTON PRODUCE

Eggs and Poultry
Eggs, 53¢ dozen.

Retail Prices
(Corrected by The Joe Frank Co.)
Eggs, 53¢ dozen.

Roasting chickens, 40¢ pound.

Stewing chickens, 40¢ pound.

1925 Fries, 40¢ pound.

Butter, 55¢ pound.

Boiling Chickens, 28¢ pound.

Boiling Ducks—40¢ per pound.

Live hens—25¢ pound.

Live Roosters—18¢ pound.

Live Geese, 25¢ pound.

1925 Broilers alive, 28¢ pound.

Prices Being Paid at Plant for Live

Poultry and Eggs

Leghorns, 16¢.

Roosters, 12¢ pound.

Eggs, 40¢ dozen.

Leghorn broilers, 16¢ pound.

Live ducks, 15¢ pound.

Butter

(By Miami Valley Co-operative Milk

Producers' Association

Butter, 51¢ pound, wholesale.

XENIA

Hens, 22¢.

Roosters, 13¢.

Young Roosters, 21¢.

Eggs, 45¢ dozen.

Geese 16¢.

Ducks, 18¢.

Santa Claus Comes Around Just Once A Year, But A Savings Account Comes In Handy Any Time.

Our Christmas Savings Club Members are having no trouble playing Santa Claus this year. Let us help you make next Christmas a very merry one in your home. A savings account once started is never regretted.

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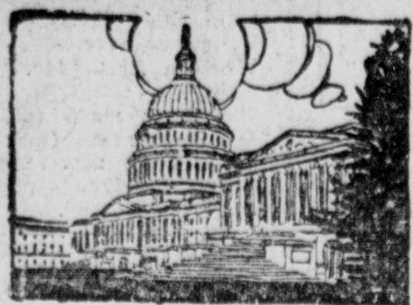
The Home Building & Savings Co

We Pay 6% On Time Deposits.

Assets \$2,500,000.

By EDWINA





CAMERA NEWS



Boy Rules Over Oriental Kingdom



A boy is the new ruler of Annama, Indo-China kingdom. Prince Vinh-Thuy succeeds his father, the late Emperor Kha Diah. This photo of the prince was made in Paris, where he has been a student.

Woman Secretary Helps Longworth



Miss Mildred Reeves has been private secretary to Rep. Nicholas Longworth for nine years. His elevation makes her the first woman who ever has been secretary to the speaker of the house.

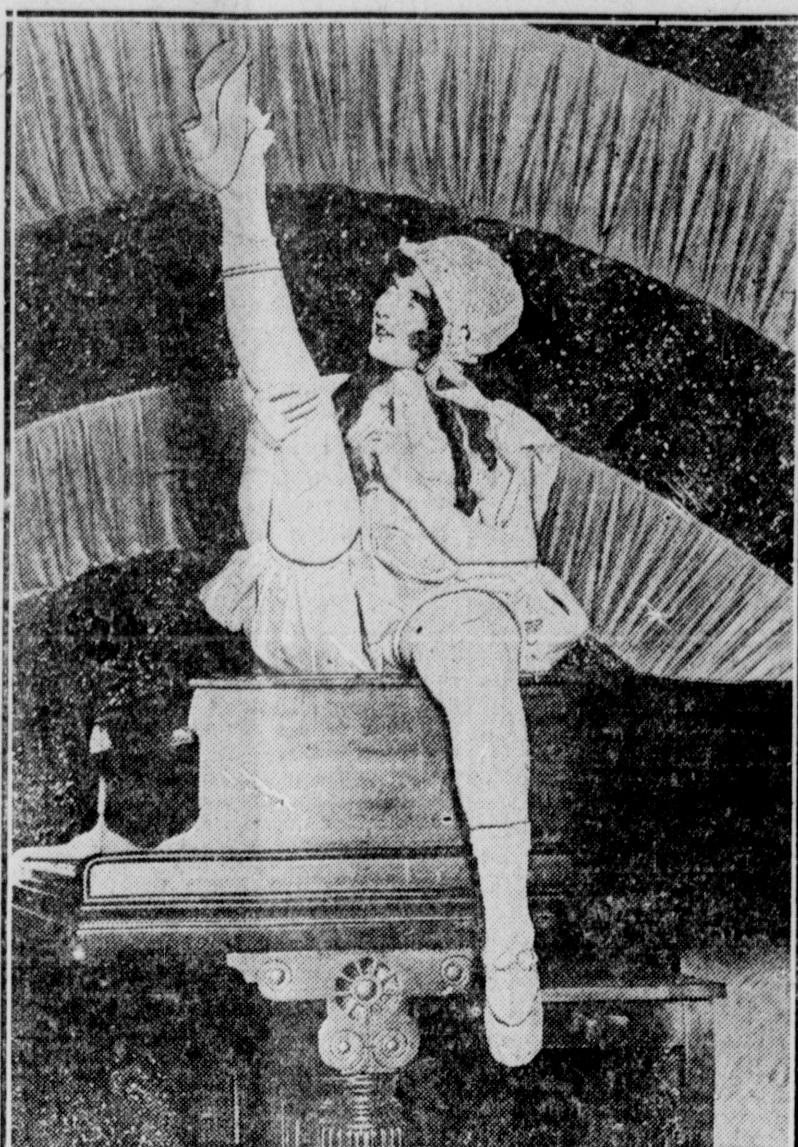
Mystery Ends



HENRY CLEWS, JR.

Henry Clews 3d reported missing in Paris, is said to be in a Southern France town with relatives. He disappeared after a fracas in a London drawing room, where it was said he slapped a cigarette from the mouth of a society girl and delivered an oration on blue laws.

Broadway Calls Her Back



JUNE CASTLETON. INTL.

After three sad years, June Castleton, former Follies beauty, is back on the Gay White Way, a performer in a night club. Her sorrows began with her marriage to Dapper Dan Caswell, who was disinherited. When he died penniless, she forgave him.

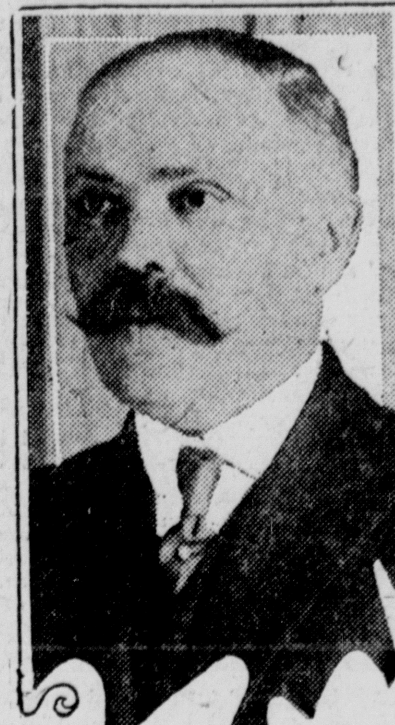
Trailed By Cupid



GRACE VANDERBILT.

Grace Vanderbilt, debutante, snapped as she walked along Fifth avenue, New York, was on a tour of the shops, buying, it was said, a wedding trousseau for her reported engagement to Albert H. Ely, Jr.

Rich, Advocates Levy on Capital to Save France



Ten per cent levy on capital payable in 30 annuities is the measure on which Louis Loucheur, finance minister in new Briand cabinet, relies to save France from financial chaos for the time being. M. Loucheur is one of the richest men in France.

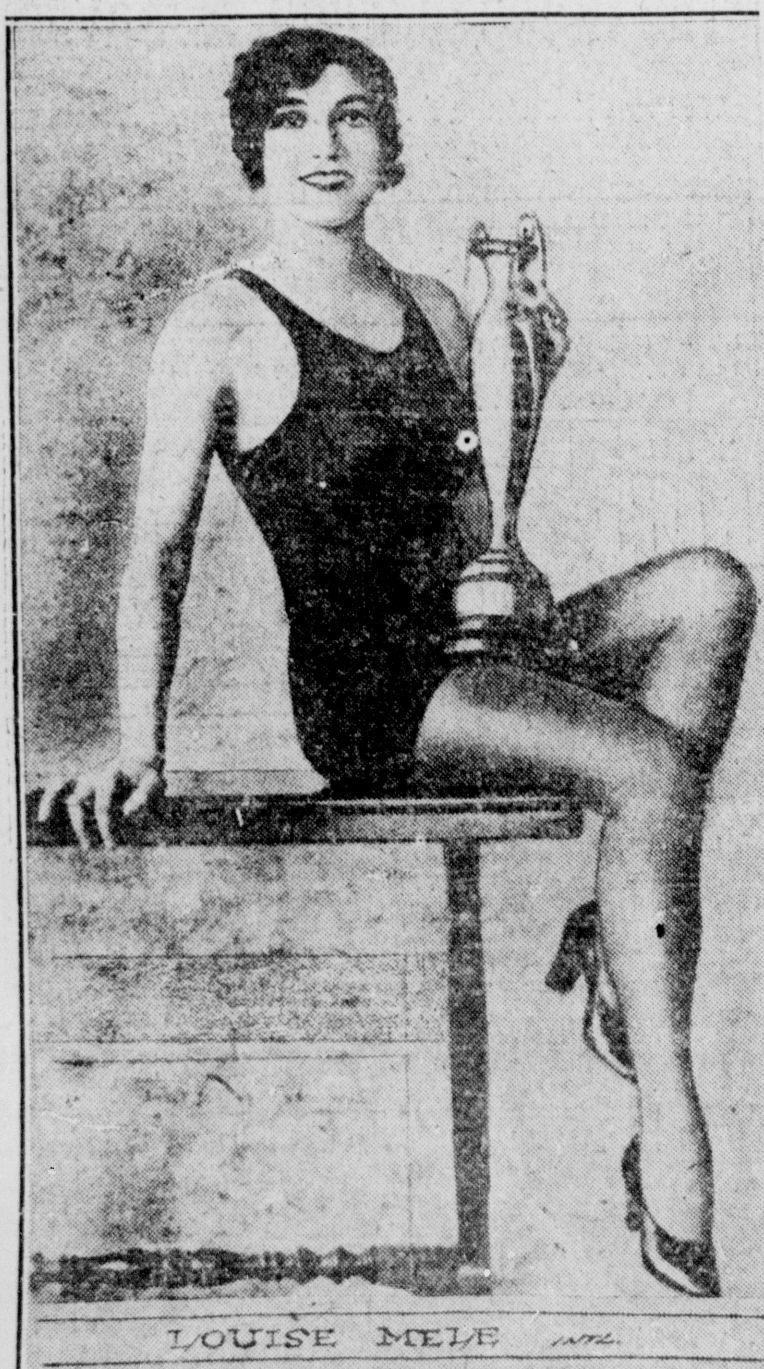
Spirit, Beauty and Speed



ARABIAN STEEDS. INTL.

Looks like a Rosa Bonheur painting, but it was snapped on the estate of W. K. Kellogg, Pomona, Cal., where he has a herd of valuable Arabian horses.

Modern Venus Found



LOUISE MELE. INTL.

Louise Mele, sixteen-year-old, girl of the East Side of New York, is physically perfect, according to Annette Kellermann. Her measurements show perfect symmetry and her pulchritude is enhanced by her teeth.

Malamute Hero Sees Own Likeness



BALTO AND HIS STATUE. INTL.

Balto, dog hero of the mad rush across the Alaska snows last Winter, with serum to stricken Nome, with his master, Gunnar Kasson, saw the statue in his likeness erected in Central Park, N. Y.

Near East Seethes as Red Doctrines Spread



Leaders of Red Internationale continue to cling to their dream of a world revolution and to that end are spreading their propaganda among subject races. In Turkestan, among the Islamic population, word of Moscow is being taken seriously, and European powers are looking with apprehension in that direction. Photo shows a soviet demonstration in one of main thoroughfares of Tashkent, important Turkestan city.

Probable German Voice in League



Richard Von Kuelmann, once foreign minister, is mentioned as probable choice as Germany's permanent representative in League of Nations councils.

Up Through Ranks To High Command



Preston Brown, who has just attained the army's highest peacetime rank, major general, rose to the high post through the ranks. He was a corporal in 1897. He now becomes commander of the first corps area, with headquarters in Boston.

Pioneer Airman Honored



ROLAND GARROS. INTL.

Near the Grand Palais in Paris a monument has been unveiled to Capt. Roland Garros, daring flier in the early days of aviation. He was killed by German airmen two weeks before the armistice.

ITALIAN WILL HAVE CHARGE OF FOUNDRY AT ANTIOCH COLLEGE

Mr. and Mrs. Polizzotti and family who came from Italy to Yellow Springs, arrived at Antioch College Tuesday, where signor Polizzotti is to be placed in charge of the bronze foundry being sponsored by the college.

The foundry is at present located in a barn on Limestone St., in Yellow Springs owned by the college.

Signor Polizzotti was accompanied to Yellow Springs by C. S. Paolo, eminent sculptor of New York City and a close friend.

Polizzotti, it is announced, is one of the most skilled men in Italy on the most intricate kinds of bronze foundry work and his addition to the college faculty will be a distinct asset, it is believed.

The Polizzotti family speaks but little English with the result conversations are carried on through an interpreter.

Boiler Cleaner



MRS. GEORGE WILLIAMS

The sooty job of making a boiler clean is the calling of Mrs. George Williams, of Omaha. She holds a woman is qualified for any line of work.

RADIATOR ALCOHOL USED FOR HIGHBALLS

Martins Ferry, O., Dec. 19.—Radiator alcohol highballs are all the rage here, according to prohibition officers. More than fifty persons here are suffering from having imbibed of the fluid. Prohibition officials said there had been considerable drinking since cold weather came and attributed it to the sale of alcohol for radiators.

Three of the persons afflicted nearly died.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON SUNDAY EVENING

United Brethren Church Christmas program will be held Sunday evening at 7:15 o'clock, it is announced by the Rev. A. J. Fustenberg, pastor. The program will be in charge of the Sunday school classes.

Presentation of the "Birth of Christ" will be made by the different classes in tableau form and all gifts received will be turned over to the Otterbein Home, it is said.

CHOIR ON RADIO

Twenty children from the juvenile choir of Cedarville Methodist Church will broadcast from WRAV, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, radio station December 23, it is announced. The choir will be on the air for one hour from 8 to 9 p.m. with a song program of Christmas carols.

EAST END NEWS

MIDDLE RUN BAPTIST CHURCH
W. C. Allen, Pastor.

10:45 a.m. "In Remembrance of Me." 2:15 p.m. Sunday School, J. T. Rountree, Supt. We will join in union services at Third Baptist Church and hear Rev. C. M. Smith, the state worker. Make these services worthwhile.

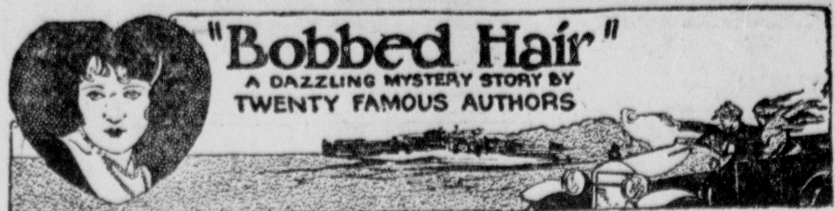
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CHAPTER XVIII—Continued

Connemara was half stunned by the words. Were they spoken through chance, or by a wild guess, or because her head had become uncovered in the furious struggle? She raised searching fingers and found that the bathing-cap effect was still firmly in place. Sweetie asked no greater advantage of the gods of war than this instantaneous truce. She dragged both hands free. One she clapped over Connemara's mouth; the other she reached up to the great key of the front door and turned it. The door swung slightly open with a pathetic squeak.

As far back as Connemara could remember, it had always creaked that way. A cool draft of air laden with the odor of whiskey fanned her nostrils. She sensed some imminent danger more horrible than any that had gone before. The rough, iron fingers of a man encircled her throat and began slowly to tighten. She heard Doc's raucous voice whisper, "Gimme something, Sweetie, to tie her up. This dame has made trouble enough for a while."

CHAPTER XIX

John V. A. Weaver

By John V. A. Weaver

Sweetie moved quickly, slipped the belt from Connemara's raincoat, and thrust it into Doc's free hand. At the same time, she held out a



The rough, iron fingers of a man encircled her throat.

decidedly grimy handkerchief. Connemara's reeling brain received another jolt. Chloroform!

"Use this," Sweetie was saying rapidly, "we don't want that hell-cat of an aunt she's got to come bouncin' down here with those other dumb eggs. This is just a little private party"—and she leered malevolently at Connemara.

The girl mustered her strength for one last desperate effort. A sickening-sweet odor stole into her nostrils. The pressure upon her windpipe was suddenly freed. She opened her mouth to gasp for the breath which would be expelled in a shriek—and found herself chewing upon the filthy piece of cambric. A strangled snicker shook her. Chloroform—well, hardly. She recognized the odor now—"Quelques Fleurs"—and evidently Sweetie had earlier poured half a bottle upon it. Sweetie would. That was her idea of subtle attraction. Connemara was overcome by the weakness of relief.

Meanwhile Doc was taking advantage of her impudence to truss her hands neatly behind her back. Sweetie dragged a wicker chair up behind the helpless girl, and pushed her firmly into it. Then, with hands on hips, she stood, grimly humorous, surveying the victim.

Connemara gulped. Her throat ached from the choking, her pride was in tatters from the realization of how easily she had been put hors de combat, and the stale perfume was rapidly making her very ill. A large, round tear rolled from each lovely eye and slid quickly down each symmetrical cheek.

Sweetie, beholding the tears, suddenly exchanged her sardonic expression for one of pity. She leaned over, and with the sleeve of her own blouse gently wiped the tears away. Again Connemara was surprised by the complex character of this strange girl of another caste. Two minutes before, nails, teeth,

and feet used frantically in a desperate struggle; and now—this genuine tenderness.

She listened to what Sweetie was saying: "Don't you fret, dearie. As long as you keep still, nobody's goin' to hurt you. Why can't you mind your own business? That's the only reason you keep gettin' into jams. Some day you're goin' to get into some real trouble."

Connemara, ill as she was becoming, was still capable of a flash of amused wonder. So she hadn't yet been in any real trouble! No, of course not. Such events as those of the last twenty-four hours were mere everyday occurrences in the life of persons like Sweetie and her pleasant companions.

Sweetie continued staring at her thoughtfully. "Listen, Sister. You been pretty square with me. I bet I can trust you if you make a promise. Will you keep your trap shut if I take the hankie out of it? Nod your head if you mean yes."

Connemara's beturbered head wagged violently up and down. Sweetie removed the gag.

Connemara used her first gasping breath to say, in a low tone, somewhat incoherent with an hysterical giggle, "Just for that I'm going to give you a bottle of decent perfume." Then, before Sweetie could interrupt, "You said I've been pretty square with you. What made you turn on me like this?"

"What did you butt in and try to stop me leavin' for?" the other countered sullenly.

"Well—but you were sneaking off, and I don't understand—" Connemara searched her pseudo maid's face for some explanation.

What she saw in the pursed lips and the cold eyes renewed her apprehension. For, following the girl's glance, she took in the huge form of Doc, who was staring fixedly in the direction of the heavy shrubbery bordering the drive. There was everything in that alert tension, that gorilla-like hunching of the shoulders, to bring the swift thought to her mind: "That 'real trouble' Sweetie was speaking about—this is it, this is it!"

Connemara turned so that she too could focus her gaze upon the dark, overgrown thicket. There—a ghostly figure. No—two! Crouching in the shadows, deathly still.

At a step behind her she jumped and stifled a scream. Twisting around, she beheld the unbeautiful visage of the Swede, who, paying scant attention to her was grinning insolently at Sweetie. What could the return of this ham actor in the all-star cast forebode? She decided to attempt facetiousness.

"Dear, dear," she said, "how jolly! I was afraid I'd never have the pleasure of seeing your funny old face again."

The Swede vouchsafed her hardly a glance. "Shut your face," he growled, without, however, any malice in his voice. He was surveying the open front door as if a new plan were just forming in his mind.

"It's the fifty thousand, of course," drawled Connemara. "What a nice game we're having. Button, button, who's got the money? Sweetie found some way to send word to you, didn't she? I ought to have thought of that."

The Swede allowed himself another baleful grin. "You should get all worked up about that fifty grand. That's all safe and sound. But, gee—this is some swell dump, I'll tell the cock-eyed world. I think we ought to have a look inside."

He took a step toward the open door. In the same second Sweetie was upon him, clutching his wrist, spinning him around facing her. "You big boob!" she flung at him. "If brains was hooch, what you got is Bevo!"

The Swede jerked his arm angrily. "What's eatin' you? I just thought we might go in and look around—you never can tell—"

Sweetie strengthened her hold upon his arm. "And I used to think 'sap' meant somethin' in a tree," came her scornful insistence. "We got the dough, ain't we? What more do we want? That house is full of people. We got to make our get-away quick."

"Well," began the Swede, "maybe you're right, but I just thought—"

"The next time you start to think—don't," Sweetie finished scathingly. "Come on, Doc. Let's pull our freight. Poochie ain't in on this, I take it. He's a great one for dodgin' the rough stuff. A'wri, we'll be on our way."

(To be continued)

PIONEER HISTORY OF GREENE COUNTY TOLD AT GRANGE MEETING

Further details of the pioneer history of Greene County and this section of the state, particularly Caesar Creek Township have been compiled by Dr. W. A. Galloway, Xenia physician who has made a study of the subject for some time. A portion of his findings was the basis of a talk delivered Tuesday night by Dr. Galloway before the Caesar Creek Grange.

Pioneer history of this section is rich in unwritten detail, according to Dr. Galloway. The first part of his talk was devoted to prehistoric data of Greene County and Warren Counties. An interesting feature was a wall map of the three counties, showing the seventy-five mounds and their approximate location in Greene County; 100 in Warren County and ninety in Clinton County. The mounds are banked on Cedarville along Caesar Creek to Fort Ancient, along the Little Miami River. The map was drawn by R. H. Kingsbury.

Dr. Galloway has delivered a number of addresses of historical type, which have been followed by an organized effort to gather historical material in the various districts of the state.

A large number of Caesar Creek High School students attended the talk which was followed by an elaborate dinner.

GASOLINE PRICE INCREASE GENERAL

Increase of one cent in the price of gasoline per gallon was general in Xenia this week.

The penny increase was first announced by the Standard Oil Co., effective throughout the state, and all local oil companies immediately followed the example.

Price per gallon of the fuel was generally boosted from twenty to twenty-one cents. Gasoline can now be obtained for twenty-one cents including the two-cent gas tax, the only exception being The Peoples Oil Co., which raised its price from eighteen to nineteen cents.

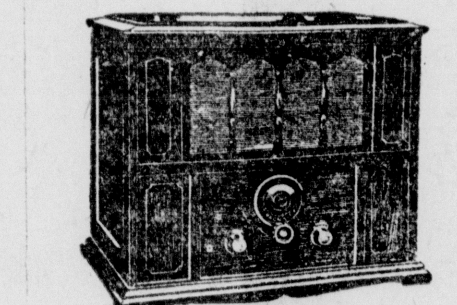
Companies announcing the one-cent increase included the Davis Oil Co., Paragon Refining Co., Standard Oil Co., Peoples Oil Co., Carroll-Binder Co., and White Rock Oil Co.

The increase reflects the recent increase per gallon in the wholesale price of the fuel.



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OVER TEN THOUSAND A. W. O. L. FROM NAVY DURING PAST YEAR

Washington, Dec. 19.—More of the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps were tried by court martial for absence from duty without leave than for any other offense, Rear Admiral E. H. Campbell, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, told Secretary Wilbur in his annual report.

A total of 10,162 cases of being on unauthorized leave were tried in summary and deck court-martials during the past fiscal year, Campbell said. The next largest number of court-martials was for drunkenness, with a total of 1,786 recorded in both

XENIANS AT DINNER OF WASHER COMPANY

A group of Xenia people were guests at a banquet sponsored by the May-Tag Washer Company, at the Neil Hotel, London, O., Friday evening. Representatives of the firm from Springfield, London and Xenia attended the affair.

L. C. Wingart, London sales representative of the company, acted as toastmaster and gave a short talk on "Salesmanship."

Xenia guests at the banquet were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rheupert, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kessler, Lewis McCoy, Miss Margaret Regan and W. E. Beeler.

WOMEN MAY SMOKE
Youngstown, O., Dec. 19.—Women prisoners in Mahoning County Jail can smoke if they want to and nobody can stop them.

"If they are foolish enough to smoke," Chief Deputy Lamont Jacobs said, "let them go ahead. We have no objection."

As a rule, Jacobs said, women prisoners, "pull the weed."

the Navy and Marine Corps.

Of the graduate physicians who applied for commissions in the Navy, only three failed to qualify professionally as compared with 26 such failures in 1923.

Only nine of the 722 courts of inquiry and boards of investigation called during the year were followed by court-martials, Campbell stated. A total of 104 general court-martials were called during the fiscal year 1925 as compared with 66 called in 1924.

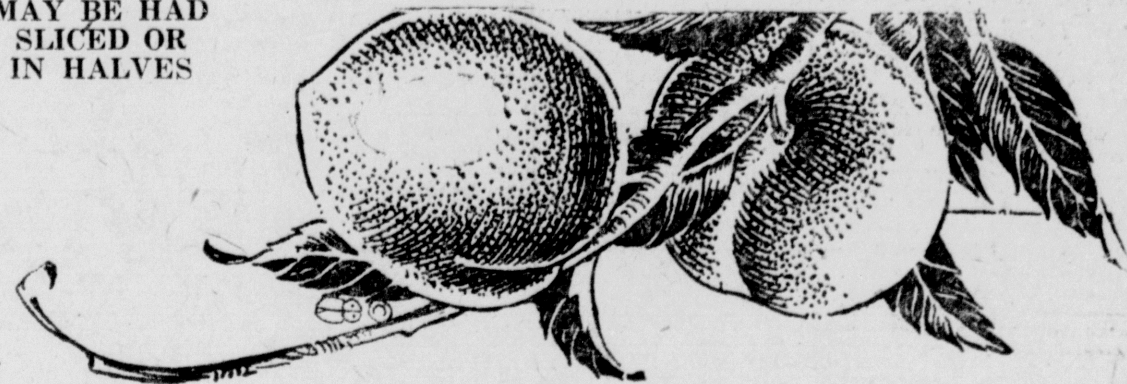
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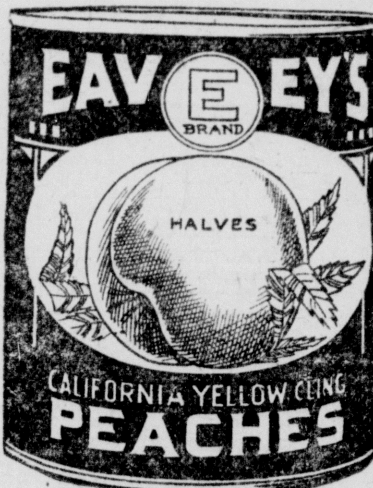
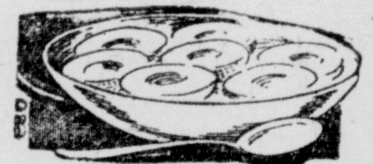


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SELECT WITH CARE THIS SEASON

Unusual weather conditions this last season make it necessary for housekeepers to be especially careful now in choosing peaches. Because of intense heat at the time the peaches ripened much fruit became soft and mushy before the pickers were able to reach it. Due to the fact that a member of the firm was on the ground and personally selected all peaches canned, none of this over ripe fruit went into any "E" BRAND cans. This year's pack is unsurpassed.



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